

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

September 26, 2006

AMENDED ITEM NO. 16

The California legislature recently passed Assemblymember Dario Frommer's Assembly Bill 1559 and sent it to Governor Schwarzenegger for signature. This bill enhances the focus of State Bond funding on the creation of new parks and facilities in the most densely populated areas in the State, where there is a significant lack of open space, recreation areas and places for children to play. This type of funding is critical for Los Angeles County and many of our unincorporated communities in order to provide places for children to play and participate in healthy activities. Another important benefit from developing local parks in underserved neighborhoods is that it provides a place where children can play, learn and grow safely, while providing an alternative to being on the streets.

There is a critical shortage of local parkland in Los Angeles County. The signing of this legislation will provide an opportunity for the County to address the urban park needs of its most underserved communities. AB 1559 is a critical step towards

MOTION

Molina _____

Burke _____

Yaroslavsky _____

Knabe _____

Antonovich _____

increasing accessibility in park-poor neighborhoods and providing children with safe and healthy places to play.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD support AB 1559, and instruct the County's Sacramento Advocates to immediately transmit this motion to Governor Schwarzenegger and urge that he sign AB 1559 into law.

NG/mg